

George was a devoted husband and father. His wife of 60 years, Phyllis, died last June. He is survived by his daughter, Judy Ellman of San Francisco; brother, Charles of Georgetown, Kentucky, and many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, George Ellman will be missed by so many who shared in his work and dreams. He believed that creating a better world was both necessary and possible. It is fitting to recognize his dedicated efforts to preserve open space in Marin and Sonoma Counties as well as his tireless leadership to help reduce carbon emissions, promote smart growth, and bring back commuter rail service. I join the many people who will miss George Ellman's inspiration, friendship and bright spirit.

CONGRATULATING THE MESA
FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER
CORPS ON RECEIVING THE FIRE
CORPS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mesa Fire Department Volunteer Corps for winning the 2009 Award of Excellence. Sponsored by the International Fire Service Training Association, this award recognizes the department's outstanding performance in delivering fire and emergency services.

The Mesa Fire Department created the Volunteer Corps in 1998 in order to better connect residents to vital community services after recognizing a gap in their own service. After emergency personnel responded to an initial 9-1-1 call and left the scene, residents were often unaware of further resources available to them. What began as a small cadre of 10 committed volunteers has since grown into a far-reaching program of 130 volunteers responding to over 3,800 calls every year.

The Volunteer Corps is made up of several programs which provide services such as emergency scene transport, grief support, and home safety inspections. In 2008, the Corps provided 29,000 hours of service and saved the community \$585,599.

Particularly during these tough economic times, it is heartening to see so many members of our community devoting their time and energy toward serving one another. I think these volunteers should be proud of what they have accomplished, and know that we are all grateful for their service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, November 16, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 889, "yea" on rollcall 890, and "aye" on rollcall 891.

HONORING ED EAMES

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Ed Eames.

Ed Eames was a resident of Fresno, California and was a committed advocate for individuals with disabilities. At the age of 42, Mr. Eames lost his sight and this life-altering circumstance motivated him to strive for the improvement of services for the disabled.

Ed was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Toni, who is also blind. They met when he was writing a book on guide dog schools and asked her to be a co-author. Ed and Toni co-authored two books, numerous magazine columns and articles, and even scripted the award-winning video, "Partners in Independence". The couple also co-taught a class on the sociology of disabilities at California State University, Fresno. Furthermore, along with their guide dogs, Latrell and Keebler, Ed and Toni traveled the world to further their joint commitment to assistance dog programs for the disabled.

Mr. Eames was active in his community and was a fervent supporter of the addition of sidewalks for wheelchair ease and accessibility in the Fresno area. Mr. Ed Eames was the founder and President of the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners. He served on the Americans With Disabilities Act Advisory Committee for Fresno Area Express and was also a member and former president of the North Fresno Lions Club.

On October 25, 2009 at the age of 79, Ed Eames passed away. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and the work that he did for the disabled will never be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF MORRIS BENJAMIN ZEIDMAN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great American—a man who gave much for his community and country, Morris Benjamin Zeidman, who passed away on November 13.

Mr. Zeidman was born on February 21, 1909 in Brooklyn, New York. He met and married Beatrice Schwartz, who he accompanied back to Wharton, Texas. It was in Wharton that Mr. Zeidman got his start in business by joining the Schwartz family's dry goods store. He ran the store until his retirement in 1992. In 1990, he lost his wife Beatrice. In 1994, Mr. Zeidman married his second wife Marjorie Franklin. They shared eleven joyous years until her death in 2005.

Morris Zeidman served his country in World War II and fought in the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 1944. Throughout his life, Mr. Zeidman served his community as a leader in numerous organizations, including the Lions Club, the Shriners, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Wharton Industrial Foundation, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also served as president of the

Shearith Israel Synagogue and was active with B'nai B'rith.

Morris Zeidman led a life that was truly admirable and that placed service to country and others above self. Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy go out to all the family members of this truly great American.

CONGRATULATIONS LEE COLLEGE
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, congratulations to Baytown's Lee College on entering its 75th academic year. It is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation with over 9,000 enrolled students. Furthermore, Lee College offers over 130 degrees and certificates, and is 6th in the nation for degrees awarded in science and technologies.

In 1931, the Board of Trustees of the Goose Creek Independent School District agreed that a local junior college should be established. Three years later, in 1934, Lee Junior College was founded to serve that purpose. Since its creation, Lee College has seen significant expansion. Enrollment for Lee College's opening semester was a mere 177 students, but current enrollment is more than 50 times that initial number, with over 9000 students enrolled in academic, technical education, and non-credit continuing education programs at the college.

With Lee College students going on to contribute in vital areas of our society, this college has become a very valuable institution of education for my district and for Texas.

TRIBUTE TO AMY ELIZABETH
CORWIN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Amy Elizabeth Corwin, who tragically passed away on July 2, 2009 after a long battle with a brain tumor. Amy served as an intern in my District Office during the summers of 2004 and 2005. Her intellect, warm and engaging personality, and enduring strength have left an indelible impact upon me and my staff.

Amy was born on January 26, 1984 to Joel and Linda Corwin of Westlake Village, California. She had one younger sister, Diana Corwin. From an early age, Amy expressed a love of cultures and travel and a keen aptitude for learning foreign languages. She enjoyed learning about history and architecture, attending the theatre, and exploring museums. While a student at Emory University, Amy spent a semester abroad in Salamanca, Spain, where she immersed herself in the local culture. In Salamanca, Amy stayed with a host family who spoke no English, and she took classes given strictly in Spanish that were attended by Spaniards and students from all over the world. Amy would go on to graduate from Emory in 2006 with her Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science, Spanish and Portuguese.